

THURSDAY, Feb. 27, 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Mills, from the committee on the state of the Territory, to whom was referred a preamble and Resolution, in relation to the grant of land known as "Forbes Purchase in middle Florida," reported a substitute for the same, which was made the order of the day.

Mr. Dupont, from the Finance committee, to whom was referred a bill, entitled an act, to incorporate the Apalachicola Mutual Insurance company, reported the same without amendment.

The same from the same committee, to whom was referred the resolution, carrying into effect the objects of the petition of R. A. Shine, reported the same without amendment.

Mr. Berthelot, from the select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Dr. Henry Perrine, and accompanying documents, report.

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REPORT:

That this subject was brought to the attention of the Legislative Council in 1832, and has since attracted no ordinary degree of public attention.

A company has been incorporated to promote the desired object of cultivation of the Manilla, Hemp, and other tropical productions. It only requires the aid of the National Government, as is solicited by the enterprising projector, to insure its success, and to render south Florida a most important section of the Union. Dr. Perrine deserves the commendation of every American, and especially of Floridians, for this undertaking. Every encouragement and aid should be afforded him that we can render. The specimens of products sent to the Council have satisfied the committee, that his views are neither visionary nor idle.

Your committee are not apprised of any mode in which aid to this undertaking can be obtained, except by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Senate of Florida, That copies of the memorial and documents of Dr. Henry Perrine, to this Legislative Council be forwarded to our Delegate in Congress, together with a copy of this report, and that he be requested to further the object therein stated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JAMES A. BERTHELOT, Chairman.

Mr. Dupont, from the Finance committee, to whom was referred a bill, entitled an act, to authorize the Governor, to appoint a commissioner to settle the affairs of the Farmers Bank

of Florida, report that they have had the same under consideration, and deem it inexpedient to legislate on the subject, which was concurred in—the bill was again read, and indefinitely postponed.

The substitute reported by Mr. Mills, for the preamble and resolution in relation to the grant of land known as "Forbes Purchase in middle Florida," was read again and adopted.

The Senate went into committee of the whole. Mr. Bailey in the chair, on a bill, entitled an act, to incorporate the Apalachicola Mutual Insurance company—after some time spent in its consideration, the committee rose and reported the bill as amended, which was concurred in—the bill was again read and passed—ordered that the title be as above.

The resolution carrying into effect the object of R. A. Shinn, was again read and adopted.

The preamble and resolution in relation to the New Jersey Legislature, was again taken up; on the question of its adoption, the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Walker and Berthelot, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, messrs. Bailey, Berthelot, Duval and Hart, 5.

Nays—Messrs. Dupont, Mills and Walker, 3.

So said resolution was adopted.

The Senate received from the House as passed, a substitute for a resolution before passed by the Senate, asking our Delegate in Congress, to use his endeavors to procure the passage of a law, for the payment of horses lost in the service of the United States, in the Territory of Florida, which was read and adopted.

Also a preamble and resolution before passed by the Senate, making an appropriation for the reporting and publishing the decisions of the Court of Appeals.

Also a resolution, making an appropriation for the payment of a certain sum of money to Betton & Fisher, for arms and ammunition furnished by them for the Territorial troops, which was read, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Also a preamble and resolution, asking our Delegate in Congress, to procure an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Choctawhatchy river, which was read, the rule waived, and adopted.

Also a resolution for the relief of Col. Dempsy Pittman and Staff; Which was read and referred to the Committee on Militia.

Also, an act to regulate the slaughtering of cattle in the county of Escambia;

Which was read and indefinitely postponed, also,

An act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville;

Which was read, the rule waived, and passed, also,

An act to authorise Rebecca Charles to keep a ferry on Suwannee River;

Which was read, the rule waived, and passed, also,

A bill entitled, an act to change the time of holding the County Court of Walton county;

Which was read, the rule waived, passed, also,

A bill, before passed by the Senate, entitled, an act to prevent breaches of the peace and more effectually to preserve order, as lost, also,

An act to enlarge the jurisdiction of the County Court of Hillsborough county,

Which was read, the rule waived and passed, also,

A resolution requesting our Delegate to procure an appropriation for the construction of at least one good and sufficient jail in each judicial district of this Territory; which was read, the rule waived, and adopted, also,

An act to authorise the Judge of the County Court of Alachua county to appoint a Commissioner to make sales of town lots in the town of Newnapsville, and execute and deliver titles for the same to purchasers; which was read, the rule waived, and passed, also,

An act concerning Jurors in the Southern District, which was read and amended, the rule waived. On the question of its passage, the yeas and nays were called, by Messrs. Walker and Mills, and were,

Yeas—Messrs. Berthelot, Bailey, Duval, Dupont, Hart and Mills—6.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Walker—2.

So said bill passed as amended.

Our motion, the preamble and resolution in relation to the joint resolution of the New Jersey Legislature was reconsidered and amended, by striking out the following words; 5th paragraph; 5th page, to wit: "suppose five convicts from the New Jersey Penitentiary, had bribed the Governor to give them the commission and broad seal, they must have been privileged from arrest, and taken their seats in the House of Representatives, and have voted for Speaker, although they might have been ousted afterwards." Also by adding to the resolution the following words to wit: "together with the vote upon the adoption of the report."

Mr. Dupont asked and obtained leave to introduce certain resolutions requesting our Delegate in Congress to urge upon the authorities of the United States, the settlement of all equitable claims of the Territory of Florida, for the expenses incurred in the defence of the country; which was twice read, the rule waived, and adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, there being no quorum present, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 1840.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and the proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. Mills and Walker asked that the following protest be entered upon the journals, which was granted.